



Below is an update on the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan and Health Insurance Marketplace:

[Iowa Health and Wellness Plan](#)

State Innovation Model Consumer Focus Workgroup: The State is hosting two public meetings to talk about progress of the State Innovation Model (SIM) design grant and to hear from health care consumers and consumer advocates. The meetings will be held on Monday October 28, and Tuesday, October 29. Find more details about the meetings [here](#).

Medically Frail/Exempt Referral Form Released: A draft of the provider referral form for Iowa Health and Wellness Plan members who may be medically frail/exempt has been released. The form will be available to providers to complete if a patient is eligible for the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan and meets the medically exempt criteria. The final form will be released in the coming weeks. Find the draft form [here](#).

New Comparison Document: Iowa Health and Wellness Plan vs. State Medicaid Plan: A new document is now available outlining the differences in the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan and the traditional State Medicaid Plan. Access the document [here](#).

Iowa Wellness Plan Provider Agreements Signed By November 8: Providers wishing to become Iowa Wellness Plan Patient Managers should sign and return the Patient Manager Agreement **by November 8, 2013**, to ensure assigned patients for January 1, 2014. Providers who do not return agreements before November 8 may not receive Iowa Wellness Plan assigned members until February 2014. [Access the agreement here](#) and return it by November 8, 2013.

Reminder: New Plan, No Other Program Impact: The Iowa Health and Wellness Plan is a new Medicaid program for adults age 19-64 only. The plan will replace the IowaCare program, which ends on December 31, 2013. No other current Medicaid programs are impacted, or are being replaced by the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan. Other programs and coverage groups will continue. This includes the *hawk-i* program, which will continue to serve children.

[IowaCare Transition](#)

First Round of Notice of Decision Documents Begin Mailing: The first round of eligibility mailings is beginning for IowaCare members. Members whose income the Department of Human Services (DHS) verified to be above 133% of the Federal Poverty Level, and are not eligible for the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan, will receive a letter and notice of decision. The documents notify members that IowaCare coverage is ending on December 31, 2013, and drive members to visit HealthCare.gov to apply for health care coverage. Additional mailings will take place over the next two weeks for those members who DHS verified to be eligible for the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan. Look for copies of the member letters in next week's update.

Health Insurance Marketplace

Stakeholder Partnership Projects: The Iowa Insurance Division expects to release the competitive bidding process for Stakeholder Partnership Projects on November 1, 2013. Watch the IID Consumer Advocate [web page](#) for more information.

American Indian Publication: CMS has released a new marketplace brochure with information specific to American Indians and Alaska Natives. You can download the *Health Insurance Marketplace: What it Means for American Indians and Alaska Natives* brochure [here](#).

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